

S-249

1904

Louis Alfred Chamberlin House
Kingston vicinity
Private

The Louis Alfred Chamberlin house is a remodeled two-story center hall farmhouse that was erected in 1904. Louis Alfred Chamberlin acquired this Kingston vicinity farm through his wife, Adeline Milbourne, around 1898. An older Milbourne family house formerly stood on the same site and is designated on the 1877 atlas under the name of Robert H. Milbourne, owner of the crossroads store. When the old Milbourne house was torn down, Bert Hastings, a local carpenter is reported to have erected this house for the Chamberlins. This standard two-story farmhouse has a two-story bay window on the north end with spindle eave decoration.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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Magi No. 2002495735

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Louis Alfred Chamberlin House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number SE side of Charles Cannon Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Kingston ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Doris Pruitt

street & number Rt. 1, Box 140 B telephone no.:

city, town Westover state and zip code Maryland 21871

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state Maryland 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Louis Alfred Chamberlin House is located on the southeast side of Charles Cannon Road, approximately one mile southwest of the Kingston crossroads in Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story frame house, dated 1904, faces northwest with the primary gable running on a northeast/southwest axis.

The center hall plan dwelling rests on a brick foundation and is uniformly sheathed with asbestos siding. The asphalt tile roof has a steep pitch and exposed rafter ends. Extending to the rear is a two-story service wing with single-story shed additions.

The northwest (main) facade is a symmetrical elevation with a center door and flanking single-pane sash. The first and second floor windows are flanked by louvered shutters. The first floor is covered by a shed roof supported by turned porch posts. Centered on the roof is a cross-gable with pierced sawnwork that trims the eaves. The gable is lighted by a small attic window.

The northeast gable is a three-sided bay with a normal gable roofed cover. The eaves below each roof corner are trimmed with spindle decoration. Single-pane sash windows pierce the first and second floors.

The southwest gable end has a triple sash window on the first floor and a single pane sash on the second and attic floors. The eave is trimmed with sawnwork. A recently built concrete block ~~riser~~ rises against the gable end.

Extending to the rear is a two-story two-bay by one-room service wing with single-story shed additions to each side. A brick stack rises on the south side of the wing.

The interior has been moderately remodeled, but a full inspection was not made.

The house shares the property with several turn of the 20th-century agricultural buildings including a medium-sized gambrel roofed barn and a garage building.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1904 Builder/Architect Bert Hastings (?)

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Louis Alfred Chamberlin House is a remodeled two-story center hall farmhouse that was erected in 1904. The son of the builder lives on an adjacent property. Louis Alfred Chamberlin acquired this farm through his marriage to Adeline Milbourne around 1898. An older Milbourn family house formerly stood on the property. Robert H. Milbourn's ^{name} appears on the 1877 county atlas on this site. The Milbourn House was torn down when Bert Hastings, a local carpenter, is reported to have erected this house for the Chamberlins.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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